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DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM,
SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY CARD,
RECEIVING APPARATUS,
COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING
MEDIUM AND RECEIVING METHOD

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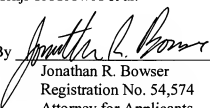
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 - f. ☒ Comments: U.S. Patent No. 6,092,112 corresponds to CN 1174354
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Respectfully submitted,

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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc)

AO	"SDMI Secure Digital Music Initiative", SDMI Portable Device Specification, Part 1, Version 1.0, Los Angeles, July 8, 1999, Document No. pdwg99070802, pages 1-35
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